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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Tamthom N. Truong	Art Unit 1624

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-30 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ . |

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-30 (in part), drawn to compounds of formula I or formula II (wherein W, X, Y and Z are all **carbon** atoms (i.e., quinazolinone); T and U are **covalent bonds**), classified in class 514, subclasses 266.2, 266.3; also class 544, subclasses 284 and 287.
- II. Claims 21-30 (in part), drawn to compounds of formula II (that is **not** a substituted quinazolinone, T and U are not covalent bonds simultaneously), classified in class 514, subclasses 261.1, 262.1, 264.1; also class 544, subclasses 255, 256, 270, 278, 279, 280. Further restriction will be required if this group is elected.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions of Group 1 and 2 are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case various combinations of rings define the different inventions.

Although compounds of Groups 1 and 2 seem to share the core of *piperazinyl* ring, such a core does not sufficiently define the invention because it is well known in the art. Since the main substituent on the piperazinyl ring is a bicycle of either *quinazolinone* or *fused pyrimdinone*, such a bicycle contributes to the physical, chemical properties of the compounds as well as

biological activity. Thus, it is the combination of (*quinazolinone*)-*C(R⁶R^{6'}) -piperazinyl*, or (*fused pyrimidinone*)-*T-C(R⁶R^{6'}) -U-piperazinyl* that makes the compounds of one group distinct over those of the other groups. Therefore, a reference anticipated or rendered obvious the compounds of one group would not do so to compounds of the other groups.

Note, Formula II covers a broad range of compounds because variables W, X, Y and Z can be N, C, CH, O, S, or absent (which suggest 5-membered ring). Therefore, a preliminary EAST search for compounds of the two groups yields a total of 15,977 hits. Such a large volume of references poses a serious burden of searching, and examining.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, and to search multiple compounds of the two distinct inventions would indeed impose a serious burden upon the examiner in charge of this invention, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

A telephone conversation with Ms. Julie Heinreich (the assistant of Ms. Lauren Stevens) on 4-12-05 indicated that a written restriction was requested.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the

application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

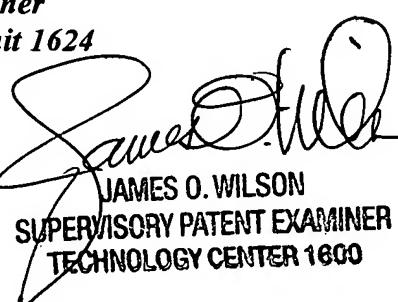
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamthom N. Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-0676. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (10:00-6:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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